

Black Rock School
West side of Falls Road
Not accessible
Date: 1850-1900

Dating from the second half of the 19th century, the Black Rock School is a one **story** stone school house. It was sold in 1909 to the Patriotic Order of Sons of America., and was not intended for business use. It is an example of one room school house in agricultural regions which were built when country school systems operated and were then **abandoned** as schools consolidated at the beginning of the twentieth century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Black Rock School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Falls Road south of Stringtown Road

CITY, TOWN

Butler

VICINITY OF

5

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☒ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

K and H Contractors

Telephone #: 686-1641

STREET & NUMBER

Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21152

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5620

Folio #: 155

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

B/A-562

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dating from the second half of the 19th century, the Black Rock School is a one-storey stone schoolhouse with a stone vestibule at its east end, facing the Falls Road. The schoolhouse is three bays in length; the 6/6 windows have narrow beaded frames and paneled shutters. Large roughly-worked stone lintels support masonry above the openings.

Within the vestibule two doors open into the schoolroom; masonry above is supported by a massive hewn wooden lintel spanning above both doors; the lintel is supported by hewn posts which form the door's rough jambs. Lathing around the doors, and on the ceiling which follows the shape of the scissors-trusses above is circular-sawn, fastened with cut nails. The interior doors are of four raised unmoulded panels, and their surrounding trim is a two-plain beaded architrave without a backband.

The beaded wainscot is a later addition; walls are plastered directly on the stone and the windows have no trim, plaster extending into the jambs to the window frames.

A single exterior door is centered in the west end. A small frame addition at that end has been demolished recently.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Black Rock schoolhouse is located on a piece of land which was once part of 'Black Rock', patented in 1797 by Richard Johns I (1753-1806). The Baltimore County School Commission was deeded the property in 1860; the building itself was erected prior to 1866, as it appears on the Martenet map of that date. It continued to be used as a school until 1909 when it was sold to the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. The building was used as a clubhouse for that Order for a number of years, then was abandoned and sold in 1969 to its present owners. They plan to convert the building for use as an antique business.

The structure is an example of the rural one-room schoolhouse, typical of all agricultrual regions, built during the period in which county school systems operated, and abandoned when schools were consolidated, beginning in the twentieth century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .48 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

September 1976

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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